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NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below:

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 10, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2012:**

Section 1-F: will be open south and east of a line from the southernmost tip California Head to Spire Island Light to the southernmost tip of Gravina Point to a point located on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°20.88' N. latitude, 131°51.85' W. longitude (located on the westernmost tip of an unnamed island immediately south of Grant Cove) then due west to the District 2 boundary line, with the following restrictions:

Boca de Quadra: will be closed east of a line from Quadra Point to Kah Shakes Point;

Carroll Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Brunn Point;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head;

Thorne Arm: will be closed north and east of a line from the southernmost tip of Moth Point to the northernmost tip of Cone Point located at 55°14.91' N. latitude, 131°19.04' W. longitude;

Tongass Narrows: all waters will be closed.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 10, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2012:**

District 2: will be open south of the southern entrance at Windfall Harbor located at 55°35.92' N. latitude, 132°20.26' W. longitude, with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed south of a line from the northernmost tip of Chasina Point to Skin Island Light to the northernmost tip of Clover Point;

Cleveland Peninsula: will be closed within one and one-half nautical miles of the Cleveland Peninsula Shoreline;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, and contiguous waters: all waters will be closed west of the longitude of Skowl Point Light;

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage located at 132°00.35' W. longitude.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 10, 2012:**

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from **Point Desconocida** to the northernmost tip of Point Animas to the southernmost tip of Point Arboleda.

Section 3-C: will be open west of the southernmost tip of Marble Island located at 133°26.89' W. longitude, with the following restrictions:

Holbrook Arm, Van Sant Cove, and contiguous waters: will be closed north and west of a line from Limestone Point Light to the southernmost tip of Holbrook Point;

Token Bay: all waters will be closed.

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 10, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2012:**

Section 3-A: will be open **south of the latitude of Mellen Rock Light** with the following restrictions:

Dall Island Shore: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point to Shoe Island Light to Datzkoo Point;

Hassiah Inlet and Mabel Bay: will be closed east of 132°35.00' W. longitude and south of the northernmost tip of Helen Island;

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40' N. latitude, 132°24.77' W. longitude, to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island, to a point at 54°49.68' N. latitude, 132°20.50' W. longitude (located approximately one-half nautical mile east of Guide Rock);

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch to the northernmost tip of Point Animas to the southernmost tip of Point Arboleda.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 10, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2012:**

District 4: will be open.

District 5

Port Beauclerc: **will be closed.**

Shakan Bay: **will be closed.**

District 6

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 10, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2012:**

Section 6-D: will be open south and east of a line from a point on the east side of Cooney Cove at 56°04.00' N. latitude, 132°33.60' W. longitude to Point Stanhope to Narrow Point with the following restrictions:

Burnett Inlet: will be closed north and east of the southernmost tip of Fawn Island;

Mosman Inlet: will be closed north of the latitude of Marble Point.

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 10, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2012:**

Section 7-B: will be open.

District 9

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 10, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2012:**

Section 9-B: Tebenkof Bay will be open east of a line from Point Ellis to Swaine Point.

District 10

District 10: **will be closed.**

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 10, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2012:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: **will be closed.**

Hidden Falls THA: will be open in the waters of Chatham Strait within the boundaries of a line from South Point, as indicated by a marker at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°51.78' W. longitude to a point offshore at 57°16.28' N. latitude, 134°49.82' W. longitude, then running south to a point offshore at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°45.70' W. longitude then due west to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°06.76' N. latitude, 134°47.50' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Kasnyku Bay: will be closed west of a line from a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at **57°13.18' N. latitude, 134°51.88' W. longitude to 57°13.00' N. latitude, 134°51.93' W.**

longitude to the northernmost point of an unnamed island at 57°12.91' N. latitude, 134°51.50' W. longitude, then due south to the Baranof Island shoreline.

District 13

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m., Friday, August 10, through 8:00 p.m., Saturday, August 11, 2012:**

Section 13-A: will be open in the following areas:

Portlock Harbor, Ogden Passage, Smooth Channel, Black Bay, Khaz Bay, Lake Anna, Sisters Lake and Slocum Arm: will be open **north of 57°33.48' N. latitude** and east of a line from Khaz Point to Ninefoot Shoal Light to the southernmost tip of Herbert Graves Island to Point Hogan to the light located on the southern tip of Hill Island and then due north to the Chichagof Island shoreline **except that all waters of Ford Arm will be closed**, with the following restrictions:

Black Bay: will be closed east of 136°08.37' W. longitude;

Klag Bay: will be closed north of Rose Point.

Salisbury Sound: **will be open south of the latitude of Scraggy Point** with the following restrictions:

St. John Baptist Bay: will be closed east of the longitude of Zeal Point;

Sukoi Inlet: will be closed south of a line from Hayward Point to Sukoi Point.

Lisianski Strait: will be open north of the latitude of Point Theodore and south of the latitude of Rock Point Light with the following restriction:

Stag Bay: will be closed east of 136°21.41' W. longitude.

Section 13-B: will be open in the following areas:

Sitka Sound and contiguous waters: will be open north of a line from Inner Point on the Kruzof Island shoreline at 57°05.50' N. latitude, 135°34.28' W. longitude to Makhnati Rock Light to Surf Rock to Simpson Rock Light to Tsaritsa Rock Light to Silver Point, with the following restrictions:

Silver Bay: will be closed east of a line from Entry Point Light to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°01.58' N. latitude, 135°14.58' W. longitude;

Camp Coogan Bay: will be closed east of 135°14.78' W. longitude;

Crescent Bay: will be closed in all waters of Crescent Bay enclosed by a line from the east end of the John O'Connell Bridge to the Twins Light to the southernmost tip of Guertin Island;

Starrigavin Bay: will be closed east of a line from Harbor Point to a point on the Baranof Island shoreline at 57°08.50' N. latitude, 135°22.63' W. longitude;

Olga Strait: will be closed north of 57°11.00' N. latitude and south of the latitude of Creek Point.

West Crawfish Inlet and Shamrock Bay: **will be closed.**

Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions: for the Kendrick Bay THA and fishing areas open outside of Terminal Harvest Areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length **may be retained** and sold. Chinook salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. Chinook salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained, must be reported on fish tickets, and may be sold.

Cumulative regional seine harvest of pink salmon is now estimated at 7.9 million fish including harvests of 3.4 million from the August 6-7 fishing period.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Sunday, August 12, 2012.**

Copies of the “2012 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S6212.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 32
Preliminary Estimates compiled August 8, 2012

| Area | NUMBERS OF SALMON | | | | | | Boats |
|------------------|-------------------|--------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|-------|
| | King | Red | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total | |
| District 1 | 50 | 1,200 | 22,000 | 520,000 | 10,000 | 553,250 | 30 |
| District 2 | 35 | 4,000 | 11,000 | 1,600,000 | 47,000 | 1,662,035 | 80 |
| District 4 | 550 | 10,600 | 7,000 | 700,000 | 24,900 | 743,050 | 27 |
| District 6 | 10 | 1,000 | 2,000 | 275,000 | 8,000 | 286,010 | 18 |
| Section 7-B | 10 | 500 | 1,000 | 210,000 | 8,000 | 219,510 | 21 |
| District 10 | 30 | 300 | 300 | 22,000 | 200 | 22,830 | 8 |
| Section 13-A | 0 | 70 | 250 | 42,000 | 4,000 | 46,320 | 8 |
| Section 13-B | 0 | 30 | 60 | 76,000 | 3,000 | 79,090 | 14 |
| Hidden Falls THA | 130 | 130 | 60 | 500 | 24,000 | 24,820 | 4 |
| | 815 | 17,830 | 43,670 | 3,445,500 | 129,100 | 3,636,915 | 210 |

| Area | FISH PER BOAT | | | | | |
|------------------|---------------|-----|------|--------|-------|--------|
| | King | Red | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
| District 1 | 2 | 40 | 733 | 17,333 | 333 | 18,442 |
| District 2 | 0 | 50 | 138 | 20,000 | 588 | 20,775 |
| District 4 | 20 | 393 | 259 | 25,926 | 922 | 27,520 |
| District 6 | 1 | 56 | 111 | 15,278 | 444 | 15,889 |
| Section 7-B | 0 | 24 | 48 | 10,000 | 381 | 10,453 |
| District 10 | 4 | 38 | 38 | 2,750 | 25 | 2,854 |
| Section 13-A | 0 | 9 | 31 | 5,250 | 500 | 5,790 |
| Section 13-B | 0 | 2 | 4 | 5,429 | 214 | 5,649 |
| Hidden Falls THA | 33 | 33 | 15 | 125 | 6,000 | 6,205 |

District 3: confidential.

District 5: confidential.

Section 13-A: does not include Lisianski.

Section 13-B: does not include Deep Inlet.

Anita Bay THA: 250,000 chums and 5,500 kings harvested to date.

Kendrick Bay THA: 210,000 chums harvested to date.

Point Augusta: confidential effort and harvest not adequate for a meaningful comparison with historical data.

News releases web site: <http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=cfnews.main>.

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| Regional Seine | 747-8522 | 747-8522 | | 747-8522 | 747-8522 | | | |
| Seine Hotline | 225-6870 | 772-3700 | | 747-8522 | 465-8905 | | | |